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1. DURING CALL AT FOREIGN MINISTRY JAN. 6, MFA DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, DR. MUSTAFA ASULA,
TOLD EMBASSY POL/MIL OFFICER THAT THREE "TEAMS" OF CONCERNED
PRIVATE TURKISH CITIZENS WILL PROBABLY VISIT WASHINGTON IN THE
NEXT 6 TO 8 WEEKS TO LOBBY INFORMALLY FOR THE DEFENSE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT PKDCA) AND RESTORATION OF THE U.S.-TURKISH SECURITY
RELATIONSHIP. IN ADDITION TO THE TWO BUSINESSMEN AND TWO
ACADEMICS MENTIONED REF B (THESE ARE NOW TWO "TEAMS" ACCORDING TO
ASULA), PROMINENT INDUSTRIALIST VEHBİ KOC AND ANOTHER
BUSINESSMAN INTEND TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND OTHER CITIES,
PERHAPS AROUND TIME OF PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION, TO TALK
TO INFLUENTIAL BANKERS AND BUSINESSMEN. ADDITIONALLY,
"TEAM" COMPRISED OF DISTINGUISHED ACADEMICIANS PROFS. OKYAR
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AND DOGRAMACI IS NOW EXPECTED TO PROCEED TO WASHINGTON AT END OF
JANUARY AND WILL MAINLY SEEK OUT U.S. PROFESSORS, WRITERS ON
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND MEDIA PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO
INFLUENCE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON DCA. FINALLY, THIRD "TEAM"
WHICH CONSISTS OF PROMINENT BUSINESSMEN FEYYAZ BERKER AND
SELAHATTIN BEYAZIT IS LIKELY TO PROCEED TO WASHINGTON IN MID-
FEBRUARY TO PURSUE CONTACTS ON CAPITOL HILL AND IN DEPARTMENT AND

OTHER AGENCIES.

2. ASULA ALSO SAID THAT HE MAY BE ASSIGNED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF ACCOMPANY ONE OR MORE OF THE TEAMS, POSSIBLY THE OKYAR AND BERKER GROUPS. BERKER AND BEYAZIT, ASULA UNDERSTOOD, MAY REQUEST A MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON OR ABOUT JAN 15 WHEN THE AMBASSADOR IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE ANNUAL TURKISH INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING IN ISTANBUL.

3. COMMENT: CONVERGENCE OF THESE THREE "TEAMS" ON WASHINGTON IN TIMEFRAME OF SIX WEEKS OR SO MAY RESULT IN SOME CONFUSION, BUT WE BELIEVE FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR BATU (DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS) AND ASULA THAT TURKS UNDERSTAND DIFFICULTIES OF ARRANGING MEANINGFUL CONTACTS DURING TRANSITION AND IMMEDIATE POST-INAUGURAL PERIODS (REFTEL B). KOC'S VISIT FOR LOBBYING PURPOSES

APPEARS TO BE LAST-MINUTE OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE, AS ASULA NOTED, KOC AND HIS COLLEAGUE WILL PRINCIPALLY BE IN U.S. FOR PRIVATE BUSINESS. (KOC IS DIRECTOR OF THE KOC HOLDINGS BUSINESS CONGLOMERATE, THE LARGEST INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IN TURKEY). FACT THAT ASULA MAY ACCOMPANY ONE OR MORE OF THE "TEAMS" INDICATES CONTINUED STRONG INTEREST, AND WE HOPE THAT SHEPHERDING BY ASULA AND TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL MAKE THESE VISITS INFORMATIVE AND PRODUCTIVE. MACOMBER

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